THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012, AT 1:30 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM LOCATED IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, SUITE 104, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

THERE WERE PRESENT: David Cundiff, Chairman

Leland Mitchell, Vice-Chairman

Bob Camicia Ronnie Thompson Charles Wagner Cline Brubaker Bobby Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator

Christopher Whitlow, Asst. Co. Administrator

Larry Moore, Asst. Co. Administrator B. J. Jefferson, County Attorney Sharon K. Tudor, MMC, Clerk

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David Cundiff, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

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Invocation was given by Supervisor Charles Wagner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Bob Camicia

### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Chairman David Cundiff presented the following resolution to the family of Galen Brubaker:

#### **GALEN B. BRUBAKER**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Galen Benjamin Brubaker, a lifelong supporter of agriculture and recreation in Franklin County, passed away on June 12, 2012 after many years of extraordinary dedication and generosity to the people of Franklin County without regard for compensation or commendation, and

**WHEREAS**, he gave of his time, resources, and expertise to further the agricultural industry on the local, state, and national levels and especially to the growth of the dairy business to which he was so committed, and

WHEREAS, he selflessly served on many prestigious local, state, and national councils representing the interests of Franklin County and its farmers, including but not limited to: the Virginia Agribusiness Council, the Southern States Cooperative Board, the Franklin County Farm Bureau, Dairymen, Inc., Corporate Board Member, Old Dominion Division Board; the Virginia State Milk Commission, the Federal Farm Credit Board, the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Commerce, the Federal Land Bank of Roanoke, Franklin Memorial Hospital, Franklin County Planning Commission, and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, he was awarded numerous honors for his work, including but not limited to: Friend of Industry of Agriculture Award (1986), Progressive Farmer Man of the Year in Service to Agriculture (1979), Cooperative Leadership Award presented by Virginia Council of Farmer Cooperatives (1978), Virginia Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer (1956), Virginia 4-H Alumni Recognition Award (1953), Appointed by Governor of Virginia for 2 terms on the Board of Agriculture and Commerce, (1961), Appointed by President Nixon for a 6-year term on the Federal Farm Credit Board (1974), Appointed by Governor of Virginia to the Virginia State Milk Commission (1977), "Cooperatives Leadership Award" presented by the Virginia Council of Farmer Cooperatives(1978), Recognized by The Friends of the Industry of Agriculture as "Outstanding Friend of Virginia Agriculture" (1986), and Received "Distinguished Service Award" from Virginia Agribusiness Council (1993), and

**WHEREAS**, he was dedicated to local efforts to better the community such as works through the Antioch Church of the Brethren, the Callaway Ruritan Club, the local Masonic Lodge, the Kazim Temple, and the Rebekah Chapter of the Eastern Star and through his donation of the property now known and operated by the County as Brubaker Park that provides recreational and boating opportunities to Franklin County's citizenry, and

**NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors to honor and recognize Mr. Galen Brubaker for his extraordinary contributions to agriculture in America and his dedication to the betterment of Franklin County for all its citizens, and do hereby extend their most sincere appreciation for all he has done to make Franklin County a better place to live.

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Ronnie Thompson, Boone District Supervisor, presented the following resolution to the family of John Echternach:

# JOHN LENNOX ECHTERNACH, JR. IN MEMORIAM RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Mr. John Lennox Echternach, Jr., served the citizens of Franklin County as a member of the Boones Mill Volunteer Fire Department since May 21, 2003; and

WHEREAS, John Lennox Echternach, Jr., served as the training lieutenant for the Boones Mill Volunteer Fire Department and shared his wealth of knowledge and experience with his fellow members and students by serving as an instructor, mentor and friend; and

WHEREAS, John Lennox Echternach, Jr., assisted those in need by responding to over 1800 fire and emergency medical service calls during his tenure with the Boones Mill Volunteer Fire Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, John Lennox Echternach, Jr., gave the ultimate sacrifice to his community when he died in the line of duty on July 2, 2012:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County that John Lennox Echternach, Jr., is hereby recognized for his sacrifice and service to the County and the Public Safety System,

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** to express to Lieutenant 7's family the Board's deepest appreciation for their sacrifices as a family, and their unrelenting support for John's exemplary volunteer service.

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Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, presented the following resolution to the family of Dennis Eggleston:

## DENNIS K. EGGLESTON IN MEMORIAM RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dennis K. Eggleston, was hired by the County of Franklin on May 5, 2008 as a P. C. Technician, and

WHEREAS, Dennis provided 4 years of dedicated service with the Information Technology Department for the County of Franklin serving the needs of County employees across many departments, and

**WHEREAS**, Dennis did faithfully and steadfastly serve and uphold the interests of the employees, citizens and County at large while always maintaining that trademark smile, and

**WHEREAS**, God in his infinite wisdom chose to call Dennis home to be with him on Saturday, July 7, 2012, and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Mr. Dennis K. Eggleston's untiring service to the employees and citizens of this great County, and

**BE IT LASTLY RESOLVED**, to express the Board's sympathy and appreciation to Mr. Eggleston's family along with the County's recognition of their support for Mr. Eggleston's many tireless efforts on behalf of those he came into contact with.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gary Widener – Recycling/Scruggs Site

Mr. Widener stated it was a growing problem at our dumpster sites. But the main one with the biggest problem is the one at Lovely Valley Road and Scruggs Road. This dumpster site has so much recyclable stuff that is going to our landfill and is contaminating our Earth. Our kids and

grandkids have to deal with what we are letting happen with all this contamination that we can put a stop to it. Then Franklin County can be known for something besides the Moonshine Capital of the world. It is a shame that a little 5 year old girl can say to me don't throw that away you can recycle that and grownups can say it is just trash throw it away. I have gotten children's toys that are like new I have gotten books that my grandkids and other less fortunate children can't afford many of these items and still have the price tags on them. I am trying to help others as our Retrieving these items and recycling them back through our economy is in a bad way. community and to less fortunate makes sense to me. I have gotten two tickets from Sergeant Gower for doing this and each time I have explained to him my reason for doing this, and to me I think Sergeant Gower with his K-9 friend should be out chasing real criminals and not someone who is trying to help others in our community that is less fortunate. Help me to help others that without the help I give may go hungry. The children can have a smile on their face because of the toys that are like new for Christmas. The books that even my 2 year old granddaughter loves and other children too. Help me to help others to know what others think is trash and it is not can could be recycled. Don't let this 5 year old saying go unnoticed, help me to help the less fortunate. Please!!!! Let's make this Addy's Law.

### Judy Meyer – Bridge To Life with Champs

Ms. Meyer stated she was here today representing the Bridge to Life for CHAMPS. This is a selected group of students in Franklin County chosen their 7<sup>th</sup> year in middle school and continue through graduation. Ms. Florella Johnson and Laverne Tiggle started the organization and continue to head the group.

The CHAMPS group helps these students grown not only as students but teach them to become successful, law abiding citizen with the skills of not only education but manners, responsibility, respect, and learning to help others. Citizens from the community speak to students and their parents. We visit many colleges in the area. They learn speaking skills and my daughter, Autumn, who was very quiet and shy, won a speech contest.

Having three grown daughters, I realize how important it is to help our children learn the importance of being successful. I am now raising two younger daughters and I appreciate any helpful program to assist me.

We have been meeting at the Franklin Community Center since we started meeting four years ago. It provides us with plenty of space to have our speakers, work on various projects, as well as a lecture room for our parents when they are doing something separate from the students. In the past, we have only paid \$25 to \$50 for our Saturday meetings 9 to 12 noon. We have been told this fee would be increased to \$350 this year.

Or organization is not supported by any particular group. Most of our funding is from fundraisers by the students and parents. Therefore, in these economically hard times, it would be impossible for us to be able to pay this astronomical fee. Other facilities in the area have not been suitable.

As an adult citizen, I do ot understand why this fee is expected of any civic group in Franklin County. No group could afford to pay this fee for a meeting place. Since this building was built with tax payers' money and is run with the same, I feel the fee of \$25 to \$50 should be considered or this fee wavered for our Bridge to Life for CHAMPS.

Ms. Meyer read a letter from her daughter, Autumn Sprouse, urging the Board's support in waivring the fee.

Chairman Cundiff requested staff to research the fee structure/days open and report back to the Board.

❖ Vandel Muse – Diamond Avenue Exit

Mr. Muse thanked Charles Wagner, Rocky Mount District Supervisor, and others who have assisted the residents with the correction of the flooding project on Diamond Avenue Extension.

Mr. Muse stated the urgency and the need for a second exit on the Diamond Avenue Extension. The effort has been ongoing for more than 40 years. Mr. Muse stated he was somewhat confused, like other residents they pay their taxes and no one is listening to the citizens of this area, hopefully before an accident happens the emergency exit will be made available for the residents. Mr. Muse requested some kind of assurance in case of an emergency for these

residents to have a safe exit. Mr. Muse requested the Town and County to join forces with VDOT to seek any possible solutions.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

## APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING, APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS & MINUTES FOR – JULY 17, 2012 & AUGUST 1 & 3, 2012 APPROPRIATIONS

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>	
Sheriff	DMV Grant for Overtime	3102-	1002	\$7,120	
Sheriff	DMV Grant for Radar Units	3102-	5409	\$5,310	
Sheriff	Auction Proceeds From Sale of				
	1990 Nissan Maxima	30-	0017	\$328	
E911	Wireless Board - Mapping/CAD				
	Workstation Replacement Grant	30-	0210	\$28,700	
Clerk of Court	Library of Virginia - Records				
	Preservation Program Grant	2106-	7003	\$9,806	
Clerk of Court	Part-time Funds	2106-	1003	\$160	
Library	Interest on Certificate of Deposit	7301-	5411	\$46	
General Properties	Sale of Light Ballasts	30-	0006	\$372	
	Total			\$51,842	

### LANDFILL COLLECTION TRUCK BID AWARD

At the February 21, 2012 Board of Supervisors Meeting the Board approved to seek bids for a Solid Waste Front Loader Collection Truck. All bids were received on May 1, 2012 at 4:00 pm. We will replace the 2002 Volvo with the new truck and use the 2002 Volvo for a spare backup collection truck. The approved FY 2011-12 annual capital budget currently has funds available in the amount of \$250,000 to purchase a new solid waste collection truck.

We received 5 different bids (see submitted) from 3 different vendors with different trucks and bodies. The only RFP received that met the bid specifications was the Autocar at the bid price of \$235,031.32.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors award the Solid Waste Front Loader Collection Truck to Advantage Truck Center with the E-Z Pack Body for the purchase price of \$235.031.32 as it fully meets the bid specification. Funds are currently available in the Landfill CIP.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR LANDFILL BULLDOZER**

The approved FY11-12 annual capital budget included the approval of funds for the purchase of a new Landfill Dozer. At that time it was decided to delay the purchase until we were farther along with the development of the new landfill and planning for the closure of the old landfill was further studied. Funds in the amount of \$300,000 were set aside in the capital budget to purchase the equipment.

The current 2001 (CAT D6R) dozer was purchased when there was a need to push-load a 615 pan, grub stumps, work the rock in the borrow pit and other heavy work to which it was suited. For quite awhile the pan was not used and last year was traded on the new landfill compactor. The current dozer has 6,230 hours on the machine and is considered low hours but is in need of a new under carriage and the blade needs to be rebuilt with new pins and bushings due to extended use. The cost for repairs is estimated to be \$30,000. Staff is recommending trading this machine in on a better suited machine. The landfill needs have changed from utilizing brute strength to needing a more nimble machine with the ability to build and dress slopes on grades that are too steep to efficiently and safely work. Due to the current upgrades and necessary extension/development at the existing Landfill to extend its life expectancy the slope inclines of 3 to 1 create a real safety concern as well as the stability of the current machine. A low ground

pressure/flat track dozer with a 6 way blade would be much more efficient & safer but would also greatly improve productivity and operator efficiency. Initial analysis indicates a new dozer will be less expensive to purchase than repairing and continuing to utilize the current dozer. The new dozer is projected to be bid for less than \$225,000 and will be specifically made for working on steep hill sides. The trade in is estimated at \$30,000 which would result in a net difference projected at \$195,000 plus the savings of repair estimated at \$30,000.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Administrator to seek proposals for a new low ground pressure/flat track Landfill dozer including trade in of the existing dozer. Proposal results will be returned to the Board with a recommendation for award of the equipment. Funds are available in the Landfill CIP.

### PARKS & RECREATION SOFTWARE BID AWARD

Franklin County Parks and Recreation (P&R) organizes and administers a variety of youth athletic programs, adult athletic programs, special events, classes, trips and workshops. These programs serve over 15,000 citizens in Franklin County. Currently, the P&R department contracts with a local company for our online registration process. In order to manage revenue, improve department efficiency and monitor online registration there is a need for a larger more efficient system than our local provider can support. As the population and demographics continue to grow and shift the County will be faced with new challenges while working to meet the vision and demand of the County.

Decisions such as how services are delivered, who they are delivered to and when they are delivered will require data that is easy to obtain and readily available. For the P&R department to succeed we are looking to implement an integrated recreational solution that will compliment the community vision, better serve the population growth and allow for an enriched recreational experience for all citizens. Modern up to date software will allow our department to automate and provide program registration, shelter and facility registration, calendars and game schedules throughout the County.

After receiving and reviewing five Request for Proposals, representatives from the Recreation Department and the IT Department used a scoring mechanism to rate the companies based on needs and services. Staff identified that three of the five companies had several features unavailable that would not improve our current structure. It was a unanimous decision based on features, benefits and the total one year cost of the selected company to recommend Active Network as the vendor providing services that meet the County's needs.

2012 FRANKLIN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION SOFTWARE DATA

VENDORS	FEATURES NOT	NEARBY REFERENCES	UPFRONT COST	RECURRING COST	TOTAL ONE YEAR
	AVAILABLE				COST
Active	5	Botetourt,	\$12,600	\$10,000	\$22,600
Network		Christiansburg,			
		Danville and			
		Roanoke City			
Rec Trac	3	Blacksburg,	\$40,070	\$4,662	\$44,774
		Charlottesville, ,			
		Henry and Hopewell			
Rec Pro	14	NONE	\$20,550	\$4,000	\$24,550
Energov	48	NONE	\$36,086	\$15,000	\$36,086
Leisure	41	NONE	\$5,514	\$3,560	\$5,514
Services			·	·	-

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is staff's recommendation that Active Network be awarded the contract for recreational software to serve as the Parks and Recreation tracking system. It is respectfully requested that the Board authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract with Active Network at a cost of \$22,600 for the first year and \$10,000 thereafter. Funds are available in the Parks and Recreation operational budget.

### **LEASE EXTENSION - FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES**

On October 21, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the lease of office space for Family Preservation Services, Inc. This approximate 2,760 square foot space is located in the front section of a building (owned by the County) at 40 West Church Street, in Rocky Mount, VA. The

original lease was for a two year period and as outlined in the lease agreement, two previous extensions have been approved.

Family Preservation Services has expressed interest that the Board consider a lease extension for their offices at 40 West Church Street. The agency continues to be a good tenant and if approved, their lease would continue through November 16, 2013.

The monthly rent was increased last year to \$1,600.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors consider the approval of a lease extension of one year for Family Preservation Services, Inc. at the lease rate of \$1,600 per month for the proposed term.

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#### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

In response to increasing federal environment regulations related to water quality, the state of Virginia has adopted legislation requiring all localities in Virginia to develop and implement new rules related to the management of stormwater. The new state rules are set to go into effect on July 1, 2014, after which most types of development will have to control the amounts of chemicals, minerals, and other contaminants found in stormwater runoff.

When the new rules were originally proposed, localities were given the option of developing their own stormwater management programs, or relying on the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to review and approve stormwater quality plans. In April 2012, however, the state legislature passed a new law requiring each locality to develop and implement its own local program, thus denying the option to rely on DCR for plan review and approval. As a result of the law, Franklin County must develop and approve a stormwater management program - including necessary ordinance revisions, program guidelines, training, and staff certification - by the effective date of July 1, 2014.

In light of this new requirement for localities, the state has created a \$1.2 million fund to assist localities in program development through a competitive grant process. Grant funds are available to assist with:

- Ordinance development
- Program development (guidelines, supplemental handouts, etc.)
- Staff training & certification
- Staffing/resource/fiscal analysis
- Community education

Grant funds are not to be used for ongoing or recurring costs, such as personnel, salaries or benefits. If awarded, grants are 100% funded by the state, and do not require any matching funds from the local government. The deadline for proposals is September 10, 2012. Grants are scheduled to be awarded by December 1, 2012. Grant funds cannot be used to retroactively reimburse the county for work performed prior to December 1, 2012.

A copy of the RFP for grant proposals is submitted to this Executive Summary.

### **REQUEST:**

Planning staff is in the process of developing a grant application for submittal by the September 10, 2012, deadline. Although details of the proposal have not been finalized, staff is considering a request for funding in each of the following eligible areas:

- Ordinance development
- Program development (guidelines, supplemental handouts, etc.)
- Staff training & certification
- Staffing/resource/fiscal analysis
- Community education

At this time, staff requests authorization from the Board of Supervisors to submit a grant application to DCR for stormwater program development, with the understanding that no local funds or in-kind match are required.

Staff will provide the Board with a copy of the completed grant proposal in a subsequent Friday packet correspondence.

### **DISPOSAL OF FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS**

The County has recently completed the retrofit of lighting fixtures in the Goode Office Building, Old sections of the Courthouse, Former County Administration building and offices at 40 West Church Street in Rocky Mount. This upgrade consisted of replacing ballasts and lamps in existing T12 florescent fixtures, T8 electronic ballasts and lamps were installed making the lighting in these areas much more energy efficient while providing better quality of light.

In addition to eliminating fire hazards of the old oil filled ballasts, the County will receive a \$5,017 incentive from AEP for this work.

This upgrade has resulted in us having approximately 2,000 T12 florescent tubes in which to dispose. Most of the lamps certainly have life left in them and General Properties will retain some to be used in other areas that we continue to have this type of fixture. However, it is not feasible to keep them all.

To properly destroy the remaining fixtures we are looking at a cost to the County of 47¢ per tube. This "disposal" is in keeping with DEQ standards due to the fact that florescent lamps have been determined to contain small amounts of mercury.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests that the Board consider allowing the surplus lamps to be donated to the local "Habitat Store". This donation would save the County approximately \$900 and would benefit Habitat with the potential resale of the lamps.

An inquiry was made to DEQ on August 10, 2012 and they conclude this action would not be in conflict with their regulations. It should be noted the County will keep on file a letter of transmittal from Habitat when lamps exchange hands.

#### SELECTION OF HEALTH INSURANCE CONSULTANT

Last year the Board of Supervisors authorized County staff to advertise and solicit proposals for a health and dental insurance consultant.

A total of nine proposals were received with consulting fees ranging from \$20,000 to \$205,000. Based upon the excellent working relationship the County, Town and School System has enjoyed with our current consultant, Patsy Akridge, staff recommends we enter into a three year agreement with Ms. Akridge for health and dental insurance consulting services beginning with the 13-14 fiscal year. The annual fee to the County will be approximately \$6,167 or \$20.83 per contract. The County has been paying \$19.59 per contract for at least the past 12 years.

Staff also recommends we contract with Ms. Akridge to perform a feasibility study of the County and School insurance benefit structures to answer the following questions as well as other questions that may arise from Staff and the Board:

- What incentives are available for health and dental insurance cost containment?
- Should the County, Town and Schools merge their health and dental insurance plans?
- How do the County and Schools obtain a more equitable benefit structure?
- What are the benefits/reservations of implementing a wellness program?
- Should the County, Town and Schools consider self-insuring a portion or all of their health and dental insurances?
- When should a high deductible plan with a Health Savings Account component be offered?

The total cost to the County of the feasibility study is a one-time payment of \$7,537 and includes a joint request for proposal, analysis and implementation schedule. It is anticipated that the feasibility study would begin this month so that results may be obtained and analyzed as part of the budget process.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests the Board to allow the County Administrator to enter into a contract with Patsy Akridge for the services outlined above.

### Franklin County Analysis of Fees Related to Health Insurance Consultant Proposals

Annual Basic Consulting

Total Fee of \$27,000 for Schools, County and Town of Rocky Mount

Breakdown Based on Number of Contracts:

Consulting Fees Begin in FY13-14

			Allocation of	
	Number of	% of	Annual Basic	
	<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Consulting</u>	
County	296	22.84%	\$6,167	
Town	62	4.78%	\$1,292	
Schools	938	72.38%	\$19,542	
Total	1,296	100.00%	\$27,000	

Feasibility Study/RFP						
	Phase I Feasibility Study is a One-time Fee of \$15,000 for a Three Year Strategy					
Phase II Feasibility Study is a One-time Fee of \$7,500 if needed for Year Four and Five Strategy						
Joint RFP, Analysis and Implementation Cost = \$18,000						
			Allocation of	Allocation of	Allocation of	
	Number of	% of	Phase I	Phase 1I	RFP Based on	
	<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Total</u>	Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study	
County	296	22.84%	\$3,426	\$1,713	\$4,111	
Town	62	4.78%	\$718	\$359	\$861	
Schools	938	72.38%	\$10,856	\$5,428	\$13,028	
Total	1,296	100.00%	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$18,000	
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### (RESOLUTION #02-08-2012)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the consent agenda items as presented above.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner
SECONDED BY: Cline Brubaker
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

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## <u>VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – FRANKLIN COUNYT PROGRAMS & ACHIEVEMENTS</u>

Shewana Hairston, VPI Extension, Family & Consumer Science Agent, presented the following PowerPoint presentation:



### VCE-Franklin County Family and Consumer Sciences

Organized two local foods workshop to be held at the Franklin Center

September 18th and October 3rd

September 18th Speakers

Local Example of Need-Ferrum College

Virginia Grown-Resources and Weights and Measurments-VDACS

Farmers' Market and Customer Service-Virginia Cooperative Extension

### VCE-Franklin County Family and Consumer Sciences

Conducted programs for EHS to increase clients life skills.

Clients participated in the Community Garden, which lowered there monthly grocery bill. Participants also learned how to can produce, which allows them to have a variety of fresh produce in

and out of season.

**Pictures from Class** 





### VCE-Franklin County 4-H

4-H Camp was canceled due to the power outage that we had in early July. A make-up camp will be held on the weekend of Oct. 5-7, 2012 (we had approximately 95 people in all registered for Franklin County including campers, c.i.t., teens, and adult volunteers)

Members of the Franklin County Eagles 4-H club (teen) club went to 4-H Congress on the VT campus in June for state competitions. Adrianna Wilson, received special recognition as the overall winner of the science fair, her project was calculating optimal travel routes using Java programming.

### VCE Franklin County ANR

Energy Audit Workshop provided Thursday Aug. 16th

The program will access Dairy, Poultry, Greenhouse and Tobacco producers' energy use, explain energy efficient equipment, and help producers find grant money and/or cost share programs to implement program.

36 participants enrolled



### VCE Franklin County ANR

Virginia Cattlemen's/Angus Field Day



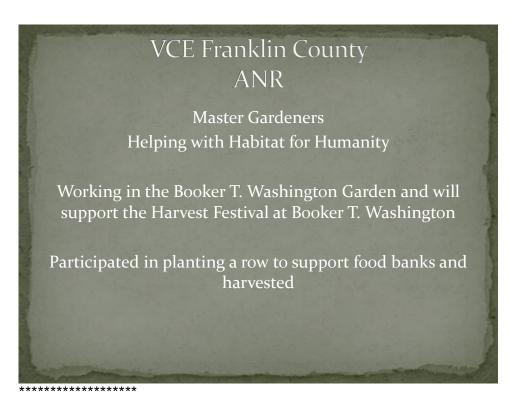
### VCE Franklin County ANR

We are pleased to be hosting the State Field Day in Franklin County, thanks to Jason and John Thurman and

Steve Furrow

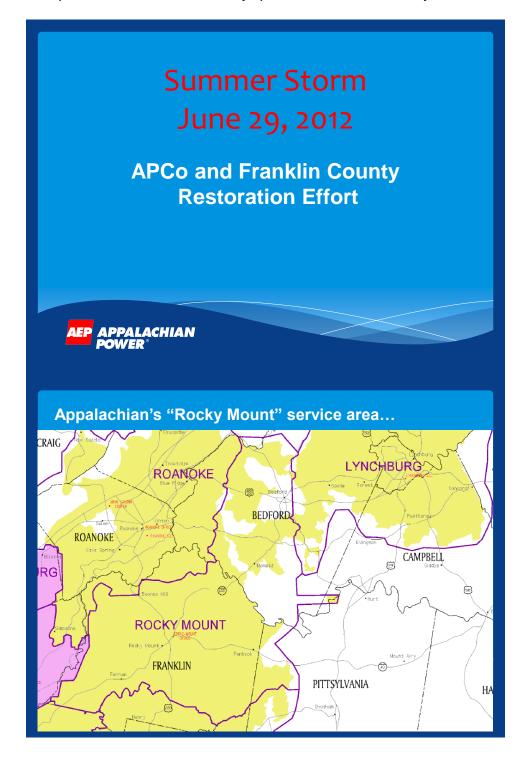
All are welcome

There will be discussions on Fertility, Reproductive Physiology, Cattle Judging, Vendor Displays, Cattle Displays, Lunch, and other activities

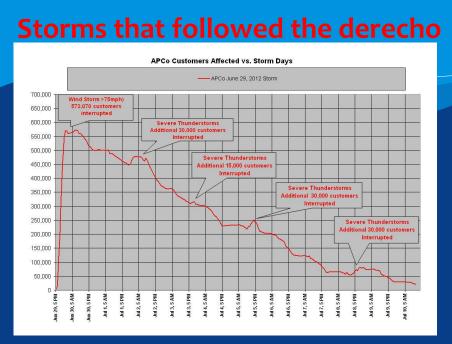


### STORM UPDATE PRESENTATION/DERECHO

Larry Jackson, APCO Representative, advised the Board he was present to present an overview of the June 29, 2012 storm. Mr. Jackson stated Robbie Pierce, Rocky Mount Public Operations was present also to answer any questions the Board may have.



## June 29, 2012 Midwest to East Coast Derecho Radar Imagery Composite Summary 18-04 UTC ~600 miles in 10 hours / Average Speed ~60 mph Over 800 preliminary thunderstorm wind reports indicated by \* Peak wind gusts 80-100mph. Millions w/o power. **Facts** Outages at peak: AEP - 1.4 million Appalachian Power - 573,000 Rocky Mount area – 16,225 (42.2%) 4 subsequent storms caused additional outages Damage to greater Rocky Mount electrical system 31 poles replaced 55 cross arms replaced 14,500 feet of wire involved 15 (49%) circuit breakers outaged



### **Appalachian Power Restoration**

More than 5200 line professionals and other workers

**Critical customers given priority** 



Secured help from 22 states

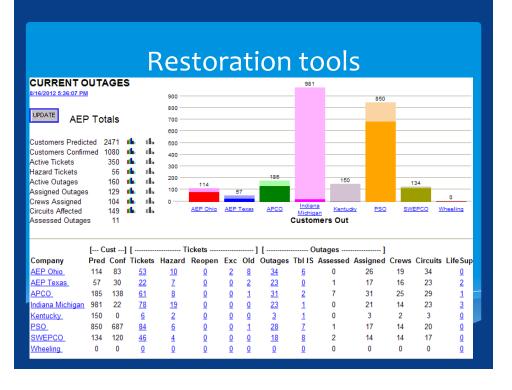
First outside crews arrived 6/30

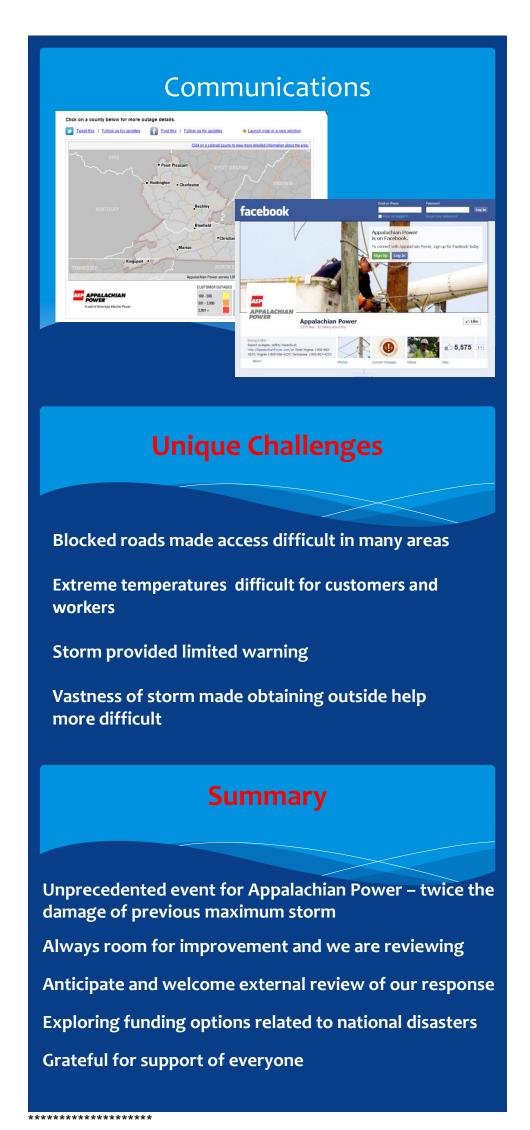
Extensive preplanning beneficial

### **Restoration Process**

- 1. Assess damage
- 2. Transmission and substation repairs
- 3. Restore main lines/large area/critical cust
- 4. Smaller clusters of homes/businesses
- 5. Individual lines/homes

Often unable to provide <u>accurate</u> restoration times until steps 4 or 5





### **TOM'S KNOB RADIO TOWER**

Daryl Hatcher, Director of Public Safety, stated as part of the 2006 communications project, a communications tower was constructed on Tom's Knob to serve the southern and southeastern portions of Franklin County including the communities of Snow Creek, Fork Mountain, and Sontag. The 140 foot tower is located on a leased parcel of land on the furthest eastern crest of

Tom's Knob. The lease is for a 5 year period that began in 2006 with automatic renewal of the agreement for a total of 20 years and is due for renewal in 2026.

Access to commercial power was unavailable at the time the tower was constructed due to the remote location and distance from existing power lines and was further hindered as landowners were reluctant to grant easements through their property to the nearest power lines. A power system was designed and installed to provide power to the communications equipment at the site that consists of a solar power array and a back-up emergency generator. The power system met the needs of the site but limits any expansion at the site for future needs. Tom's Knob is the only communications site in the entire system that does not have currently have commercial power installed.

The site originally contained four receivers for the public safety communications system and equipment from B2X Communications to provide internet service to the Snow Creek and Sontag areas. In 2011 a transmitter was relocated from the Grassy Hill site to Tom's Knob to improve communications in the Snow Creek and Fork Mountain areas. The transmitter greatly improved communications but it also exceeded the capacity of the power system which has led to an increased number of outages at the site. In order to improve the communications system any further, commercial power will need to be installed to the site for its long term sustainability.

In 2011, a radio communications system committee was formed to investigate problems with the public safety radio system. This committee is comprised of representatives from every stakeholder within the public safety system that uses our communications system as well a citizen representative with extensive experience in the design and configuration of radio communication systems. The committee studied the improved communication that resulted from the relocation of the transmitter to the Tom's Knob site. There were still a few remote areas with poor coverage however, the vast majority of the Snow Creek and Fork Mountain areas saw a significant improvement according to first responders in those communities. It should be noted that the transmitter on Tom's Knob only provides a single channel, transmitting at the lowest wattage, that must be shared by fire, rescue and law enforcement responders while operating in these areas.

Increased radio coverage to these areas brings the power system issue to the forefront. The installation of the transmitter caused an increase in demand on the limited power available from the solar array at Tom's Knob. On sunny days, with the system only being used for routine operations, the solar array can only generate enough power to supply the original equipment installed at the site. The addition of the transmitter created a demand that exceeds the capacity of the solar generating cells. When the transmitter is used by responders, it exceeds the available power supply by as much as 10 amps. The excess power must be pulled from the batteries, which draws them down frequently to less than half of their charge. This damages the batteries. The increased drain causes the generator to start in order to meet the electrical demand. In short, the use of the transmitter causes the generator to operate more frequently and for longer periods which decreases battery life and increases fuel consumption. In February 2012 the original batteries were replaced as they have a 5 year life expectancy. The cost to replace the entire battery bank was \$18,553. Additional costs for the Tom's Knob site in FY 11 -12 were \$1,520 for fuel, \$7,891 for radio repair expense, \$4,789 in generator maintenance, and \$4,847 to maintain the solar array for a total annual cost of \$37,600.

The communications committee is in the process of interviewing communications engineering firms to oversee improvements to the public safety communications system. In this process, it has become obvious that the Tom's Knob site will be needed to provide coverage into the southern and eastern portions of the county. In order to do this, additional communications equipment will be needed at that site. In light of the power supply problems that a single transmitter has created on the current solar power system, the committee feels it is imperative that commercial power be installed at the site and recommends the county pursue the process of installing power. Connecting to commercial power will make the site expandable to meet our future needs as we continue to improve public safety communications in the county.

Since development of the site, a suitable route for access to commercial power has been determined. This route is approximately 6000 feet in length and will bypass those landowners that have refused to grant easements through their property. In addition, the identified route will allow an alternate access road to the site that will cut the driving distance to the site in half. The current access road is 4.7 miles in length and is accessed from Muddy Fork Rd. The proposed access route is 2 miles in length and is accessed from Tom's Knob Rd in the Sontag area.

The projected cost to install commercial power to the site will exceed the threshold to solicit bids to perform the work as power to the site will need to be installed underground to prevent disruption during storms due to fallen trees. It is projected that the cost of the project will be less than \$100,000. For comparison, the cost to maintain the current power system at Tom's Knob has exceeded \$50,000 in the past 24 months. It is anticipated that the savings from maintain the power system will pay for the installation within 4 years. Staff has identified available funding to complete the project from 2011-12 carryover funds.



### TOM'S KNOB TOWER SITE

- Constructed in 2006 2007
- Online in 2008
- 140' tower on leased land
- Lease expires in 2026
- Originally built for listening site and to provide wireless internet service to Snow Creek/Sontag area.

### TOM'S KNOB POWER (2007 - 2011)

- Powered by solar panels that generate 10 amps power on sunny days.
- Solar panel energy stored in battery bank.
- Solar panels met power demand most days.
- Back-up generator fueled by propane.
- Generator starts when battery reserves drop to specified lowest level, and stops when battery reserves are replenished.
- Runs on cloudy days and during night time hours when needed.



### TOM'S KNOB CHANGES 2011

- Problem: Poor radio coverage in Snow Creek/Fork Mtn areas.
- Interim solution: Transmitter relocated to tower site.
  - Provided improved coverage to area.
  - Transmitter operating on lowest power setting.
- Increased power consumption = increased fuel consumption.
- Generator runs more frequently to maintain battery bank.
- Power draw when system is idle is in excess of solar capabilities.

## TOM'S KNOB TOWER MAINTENANCE COSTS

### • 2011 Expenses:

Battery bank replacement: \$18,553

Generator fuel: \$1,520Radio repairs: \$7,891

Generator maintenance: \$4,789Solar array maintenance: \$4,847

■ Total Expense: \$37,600

### TOM'S KNOB FUTURE

- Site studies show the tower location is ideal for serving southern portions of county.
- At lowest setting, transmitter provides coverage to remote/difficult to reach areas of Snow Creek and Fork Mtn.
- Tower site upgrades will be part of future expansion of communications system.
- Lack of commercial power makes expansion impossible.
- Commercial power will allow increased transmitter power.
  - Better coverage of southern and eastern areas.

### SCOPE OF WORK

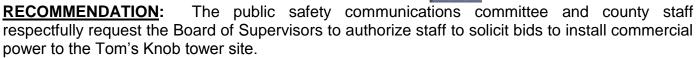
Commercial power available within 6000' of tower site.

Underground power feed from closest available location.

Install grounds, transformer, and service panel.

### PROCESS

- Solicit bids to install power line infrastructure.
- 30 day bid window.
- Report bid results to Board of Supervisors for consideration for approval.
- Target date September October with installation prior to winter months.



### (RESOLUTION #03-08-2012)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to authorize staff to solicit bids to install commercial power to the Tom's Knob Tower Site.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner
SECONDED BY: Ronnie Thompson
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

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### FREE CLINIC PROGRAM UPDATE

Lois Macdonald, Executive Director, Free Clinic shared the following information with the Board regarding the Free Clinic:

Mrs. Macdonald stated a long-standing topic of discussion since the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) – also known as the "health care reform act" -- is "how is it going to affect free clinics. Unquestionably, PPACA is precipitating major, unprecedented, changes and uneasiness regarding the delivery of health care both on the national and our community level. Since the Free Clinic of Franklin County, Inc. (FCFC) accepts only uninsured adults between the ages of 18-64 who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, 80% of our patients will qualify for Medicaid coverage (<134% of FPG), while approximately 15% of our remaining patients will be required to purchase insurance on a federally-determined sliding scale for premiums – or pay a penalty based on their income. Although FCFC's Board understands there will be some waivers to the requirement for individuals to purchase insurance -- and some people will continue to be uninsured; our Board of Directors has chosen to proactively address the need for change since the need for primary health care services for the poor of the community is going to increase with PPACA – not decrease.

Why? As a large rural community, Franklin County is a government-designated, medically underserved area and a health care professional shortage area. Due to the physician shortage, this means that *everyone* seeking care has a difficult time with access to primary health care. This is *absolutely* true of people without insurance or resources to pay for services. Unfortunately, only a limited number of the poor can be absorbed by the professional community; and the overflow becomes a part of the uncompensated care provided by the Hospital emergency room, which adds to the cost of everyone's health care bill.

Through the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), the government intends to ensure that (almost) everyone will have medical insurance coverage either through Medicaid coverage or through required purchase of medical insurance beginning 1/1/2014. Unfortunately, although an insurance card *can* make access to health care easier, it does not, by itself, guarantee access to care – especially in a medically underserved area, such as Franklin County. Even people who have an insurance card will continue to be medically disenfranchised unless additional provider services accepting the poor are brought to the community.

Using the results of a Carilion Clinic / Virginia Polytechnic Institute Needs Assessment completed in 2011, FCFC's Board of Directors, has considered the effect of health care reform on FCFC's services and the needs of Franklin County. According to the 2011 Assessment, 18.5% of Franklin County residents are uninsured (approximately 10,300); therefore, while not addressing the need for more providers, Medicaid and other mandated medical insurance coverage will only add a significant, number of people and an unprecedented strain on an (already) over-burdened health care system in Franklin County. In addition, a recent survey by our regional health system, Carilion Clinic, predicts an even greater shortage of Franklin County primary care providers in the near future due to the retirement eligibility status of 3 of their current 11.3 primary care providers. According to Carilion Clinic's figures, updated to July 2012 and adjusted for commuting patterns, the need for primary care providers (Family Practice & Internal Medicine) is 8.3 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) providers. In addition, a more severe shortage is causing patients from our neighboring counties to seek care in our local emergency room. Access to healthcare care has been a long-standing problem in this rural county and neighboring counties. It will be an even greater crisis with health care reform in 2014.

FCFC's Board, after much consideration and strategic planning, elected to *expand* services in accordance with PPACA guidelines to ensure the Clinic continues to be an important part of the health care safety net of the community. The Free Clinic of Franklin County, Inc., as a non-profit 501c3 organization, will remain intact both in mission and organization. We will continue to offer the current Free Clinic Program plus expand our services to include FCFC as a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) designation. There will be a very slow and gradual transition into these new services with the expansion. Expansion in 2012-2013 will allow FCFC to:

<u>Continue to operate the Free Clinic Program</u> for those who qualify (under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines) through 2014 and beyond (for those who continue to be uninsured). This is especially important if Virginia "opts out" of Medicaid expansion and the numbers of uninsured in Virginia continue to rise.

Offer a sliding fee scale *discount* to the uninsured poor between 200-400% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. These people do not qualify for free clinic program services, but are indeed uninsured, and are too poor to be fully "self-pay".

<u>Provide primary health care for those over 64</u> (currently, not served by the Clinic because of Medicare insurance status).

Add to the primary health care safety net of the community, in the Fall of 2012, by beginning to see additional qualified patients who are having problems accessing adequate primary health care.

<u>Provide FCFC time to, appropriately, transition into health care reform</u> and be ready to help the community meet the safety net problems that will occur 1/1/2014.

Expanded services – transitioned over 2012-2013 as a designated rural health clinic – would allow the Clinic to:

Continue to provide services as a Free Clinic under the current guidelines. Accept Medicaid, Medicare, and other third party insurances.

Continue to serve the uninsured/underinsured via an expanded sliding fee scale.

This not only adds to current primary care resources of the community, *long-term*, but provides *continuity* of healthcare services as our current patients transition from uninsured to insured.

As indicated, the Free Clinic's decision to expand services was based on the *probability* that many of our patients would qualify for Medicaid and mandated insurances under the current law, decreasing the numbers of free clinic-qualified patients after January 1, 2014. According to the Supreme Court's decision on the constitutionality of PPACA, states may "opt out" of Medicaid expansion, and there is a distinct possibility that Virginia may "opt out". This means that the majority of our patients will *not* become Medicaid-eligible, and they *will* continue to require primary care services through the Free Clinic in ever-increasing numbers, as in the past.

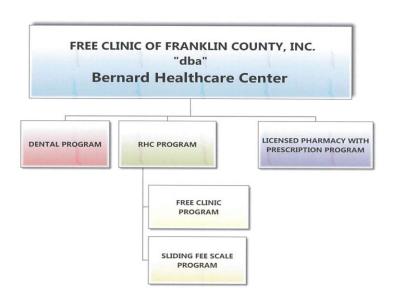
More than 400,000 (about 40% of the total number of uninsured) of Virginians without health insurance could gain insurance coverage through Medicaid expansion. Unfortunately, if Virginia

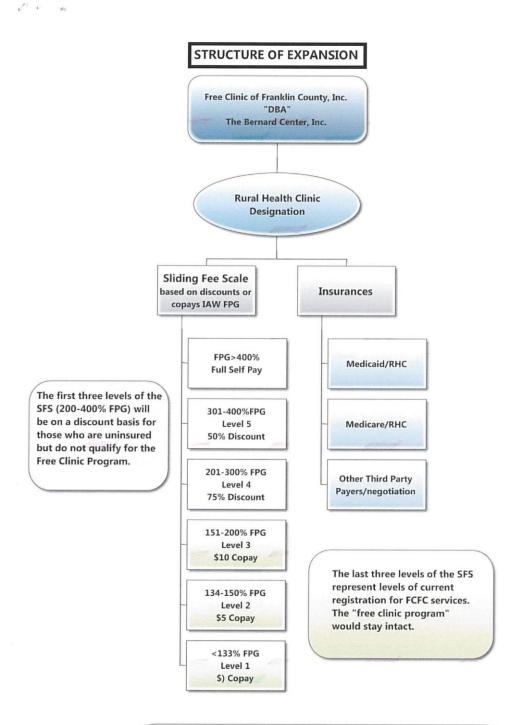
fails to expand Medicaid, these working Virginians will fall into a "no coverage" status. They will be unable to enroll in Medicaid and yet be barred from getting federal tax credits to buy coverage in the new health insurance exchange. The need for Free Clinic services (and rural health services) will increase – *not decrease*!

These issues will not be addressed by the Virginia legislature until later in 2013. The Free Clinic cannot wait until the next Virginia legislative year to prepare for the inevitable implementation of the Federal part of the Bill on January 1, 2014. The FCFC Board, therefore, has determined the Clinic must expand and transition *early*, to meet the needs of the underinsured/uninsured poor of Franklin County within the next year and beyond. FCFC subscribes to the Virginia Association of Free Clinics' position with the following statement: "Our clinic remains committed to providing quality health care to our patients and we look forward to working with our policy makers to identify solutions that are best suited for the medically underserved in our community." Our revised mission statement is

FCFC is a 501c3, not-for-profit organization, founded on the belief that everyone should have access to quality, affordable, primary health care, regardless of their socio-economic or insurance status. Our vision is to create a healthier community by improving our patients' health through excellence in meeting their primary health care needs, disease prevention, and wellness promotion in the community.

The purpose of this letter is to notify our sponsors, contributors, and supporters of important expansion changes taking place with the Free Clinic of Franklin County, Inc. We believe we have served the medically disenfranchised of Franklin County, using good fiduciary responsibility by stretching your support to the utmost (\$7.45 of services for every dollar donated – and rising!). Your support has been critical to our mission, and the need for it will increase during this time of "tsunami" in the health care environment. *Please continue to support the Free Clinic of Franklin County, Inc. as you have in the past.* Call me (540/489-7500), for any questions or clarifications of the proposed changes.





The Free Clinic of Franklin County, Inc. will remain the same 501¢)3 parent corporation with free clinic services continuing as they are, now. Designation as a rural health clinic RHC, will allow:

- The Center to accept Medicaid and Medicare insurances and continue to see "free clinic" patients as they move into insurance coverage, thereby, providing continuity of care.
- Implement a Sliding Fee Scale for the underinsured/uninsured. The Free Clinic Program would continue to serve patients under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG). Those between 200% and 400% of FPG would be eligible for discounted services.

"DBA" THE BERNARD HEALTHCARE CENTER!

#### WAID PARK AREA DISTRUCTION

Charles Wagner, Rocky Mount District Supervisor, suggested the possibility of staff installing cameras at the Waid Park area. Mr. Wagner stated someone was tearing up the road in the Waid Park (after hours). Staff will report back to the Board their findings.

David Cundiff, Chairman, stated on behalf of the Franklin County High School, Senior Class of 2013 requesting the following:

First, may we thank you for being a part of the fabric of Franklin County and supporting the livelihood of this wonderful county. We are thankful most of all for your support of **Franklin County High School** and its many wonderful opportunities and activities.

The **Senior Class** (Class of 2013) would like for you to partner with us in our endeavors in the upcoming year. We, the class officers, were selected by our peers to represent them and make decisions for the greater good of our class and our school. In the upcoming year, we will be planning and financing many events for the Senior Class. In order to do so, fundraising becomes vital to our program. This year, we've selected a **5K run** as our focus event to raise money.

Your sponsorship would go towards funding this event, so that the money raised by the 5K run, can be wholly placed into our class fund, and later used towards our class picnic, senior trip, senior banquet and other special events. We have designed "levels" for sponsorship, however any donation is greatly appreciated. Submitted, is a copy of these sponsorship categories.

We thank you for your consideration, and willingness to support the students of Franklin County High School. Your contribution will be recognized and greatly appreciated by not only the Senior Class, but by Franklin County High School as a whole.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

#### 2013 Senior Class Officers of FCHS

Allyson Lynch – Class Sponsor Kassandra Peters - President Morgan Atkins - Secretary Megan Vest - Vice President Linsey Schiemann – Treasurer

#### **EAGLE STRUT 5K SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

PLATINUM SPONSOR-\$500.00 AND ABOVE

GOLD SPONSOR-\$250.00 AND ABOVE

SILVER SPONSOR-\$100.00 AND ABOVE

**BRONZE SPONSOR-\$50.00 AND ABOVE** 

**NOTABLE MENTION-BELOW \$50.00** 

### (RESOLUTION #04-08-2012)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to make a contribution of \$250.00 (one time donation outside of budget cycle) to the 2013 Senior Class Officers of Franklin County High School as requested.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner SECONDED BY: Ronnie Thompson VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

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### **CLOSED MEETING**

### (RESOLUTION #5-08-2012)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to into a closed meeting in accordance with 2.2-3711, a-3, Acquisition or Disposition of Land and a-5, Discussion of a Prospective New Business or Industry, of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

MOTION BY: Bob Camicia
SECONDED BY: Ronnie Thompson
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

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MOTION: Charles Wagner RESOLUTION: #06-08-2012
SECOND: Leland Mitchell MEETING DATE August 21, 2012
WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors has convened an closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act: and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(d) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Franklin County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

VOTE:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

NAYS: NONE

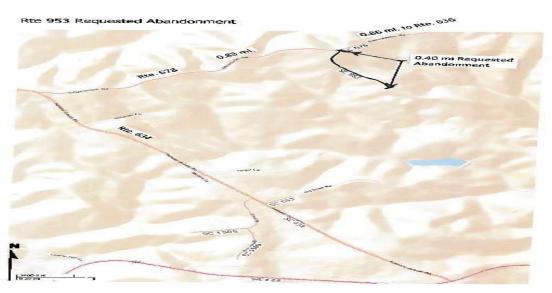
ABSENT DURING VOTE: NONE ABSENT DURING MEETING: NONE

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Chairman Cundiff recessed the meeting for the previously advertise public hearings as follows: **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

The Franklin County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at approximately *6:00 P.M., on Tuesday, August 21, 2012*, in the Board Meeting Room located in the Franklin County Government Center, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite 104, Rocky Mount, Virginia to consider the following:

State Route 953 (Ellerbee Road) – Gills Creek Magisterial District Secondary Route 953, from Route 678 (Edwardsville Rd.) to 0.40 miles south of Route 678 for a distance of .40 miles, serves no public necessity and is no longer necessary as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways.



Lisa Cooper, Senior Planner/Long Range, stated in March of 2000, the Board of Supervisors abandoned a portion of Route 953 (Ellerbee Road). As part of the abandonment, Mr. Thomas Newbill was allowed to place a locked gate at the portion of the road that was abandoned. The heirs and descendants of those interned in the Anderson/Shaon cemetery located on the portion of the road that was abandoned were issued keys to the gate to have access to the family cemetery. In 2000, the entire road was not abandoned due to the fact that one of the property owners, L. G. Richards, was not in favor of the abandonment.

In April 2012, Mr. Newbill called Planning staff requesting the remaining portion of Route 953 (Ellerbee Road) be abandoned. Mr. Newbill has since purchased the property that was formerly owned by L. G. Richards. Mr. Daniel Gish also owns property on the corner of Edwardsville Road and Ellerbee Road and he does not have objections and is in favor of the abandonment. (See Mr. Gish's letter submitted.) The Newbill and Gish families are the only homes on this road and the only property owners. Both families have trouble with individuals constantly using this road as a source of illegal hunting, four-wheelers and trespassers. Mr. Newbill and Mr. Gish have no problem with the heirs and descendants of the Anderson/Shaon cemetery to still have access to the family cemetery.

In June of 2012, the Board of Supervisors in accordance with abandonment of a road from the secondary system of State Highways under 33.1-151, of the Code of Virginia, granted a public hearing in August, 2012, and enter into a resolution to post the prescribed notices of intent to abandon the remainder portion of Route 953 (Ellerbee Road). Staff in accordance with Section 33.1-151 posted the notice in the Courthouse, posted a sign of notice on the corner of Route 953

(Ellerbee Road) and Route 678 (Edwardsville Road), and published the notice in two (2) issues of the Franklin NewsPost.

Mr. Thomas Newbill and Mr. Daniel Gish would like the Board of Supervisor to abandon the remainder of Route 953 (Ellerbee Road). The portion to be abandoned would be Secondary Route 953 (Ellerbee Road), from Route 678 (Edwardsville Road) to 0.40 miles south of Route 678 (Edwardsville Road) for a distance of 0.40 miles, which serves no public necessity and is no longer necessary as part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

Section 33.151 of the Code of Virginia states the Board of Supervisors based on the available information can determine abandonment of the road warranted by:

- No public necessity is served, or
- Current safety and welfare of the public is best served.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Following the scheduled public hearing, staff respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors by resolution approve the abandonment of the portion of road from Secondary Route 953 (Ellerbee Road), from Route 678 (Edwardsville Road to 0.40 miles south of Route 678 (Edwardsville Road) for a distance of 0.40 miles. This portion of the Ellerbee Road serves no public necessity and is no longer necessary as part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

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Public Hearing was opened.

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No one spoke for or against the proposed abandonment of St. Rt. 953.

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Public Hearing was closed.

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#### (RESOLUTION #07-08-2012)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board to adopt the following resolution, as presented:

WHEREAS, a public notice was posted as prescribed under §33.1-151, Code of Virginia, announcing a public hearing to receive comments concerning abandoning the section of road described below from the Secondary System of State Highways, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation was provided the prescribed notice of this Board's intend to abandon the subject section of road, and

WHEREAS, after considering all evidence available, the Board is satisfied that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the section of Secondary Route 953 (Ellerbee Road) from Secondary Route 678 (Edwardsville Road) to 0.40 miles south of Route 678 (Edwardsville Road) for a distance of 0.40 miles, and hereby deems that section of road is no longer necessary as a part of the Secondary System of State Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board abandons the above described section of road and removes it from the Secondary System of State Highways, pursuant to §33.10151, Code of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

MOTION BY: Bob Camicia
SECONDED BY: Ronnie Thompson
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

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## COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

In accordance with the provisions of Section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Franklin, Virginia will conduct a public hearing on a proposal to convey Parcel ID Number 0980001400 being described as Map: 09800; Parcel: 01400; Deed Book 142; Page 256 in the Franklin County Clerk of Circuit Court Office. The property was formerly used as the Endicott

Voting Precinct. The tract is represented by corners A, B, C & D (plat on file in the Board Clerk's Office) containing approximately 1,089 sq. ft. and the building itself contains approximately 312 sq. ft. and may be considered to be conveyed to the adjoining property owner.

Mike Thurman, Director of General Properties, stated since December of 1955, the County of Franklin has owned a small parcel of property in the Endicott section of Franklin County. This parcel contains a small cinderblock structure that was used as a voting precinct until the fall of 1997. At that time, the "Endicott Voting Precinct" was relocated to the Crossroads Ruritan Building.

After much review, it has been determined that this property consists of approximately 1,089 square feet and is identified on the County tax map as parcel 0980001400. The current values assigned to the property are \$5,000 for land and \$2,800 for building for a total of \$7,800. It should be noted that the land value shown may be incorrect as earlier maps reflected the parcel continuing to the creek and State Route 783 (Endicott Hill Road). This has been determined to not be the case.

Since the relocation of the Endicott Precinct in 1997, this building has sat vacant. While the building is still structurally sound and has few, if any roof leaks, the building cosmetics have declined over the years.

A brief update of the property was presented to the Board in July 2012. This update was intended to seek Board direction as to what, if anything, the County wishes to do with the property.

At that meeting, it was decided to advertise and hold a public hearing on August 21, 2012 to determine if there may be any outside interests with regard to purchasing the property.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

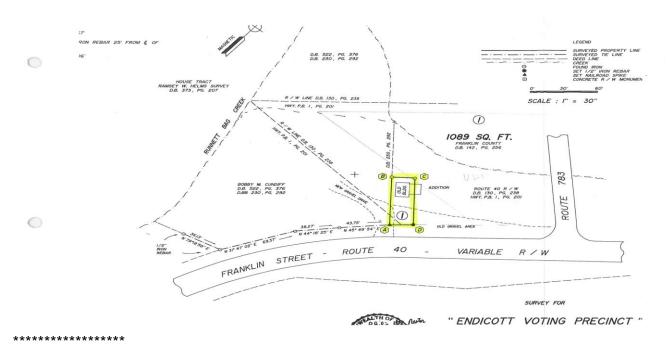
Staff respectfully requests direction from the Board with regard to what, if anything, to do with the property. The following are potential actions the Board may consider.

- 1. Entertain any possible offers as a result of the public hearing
- 2. Leave the property "as is"
- 3. Make cosmetic improvements (painting gables, soffits, etc.) and the possible installation of a new roof
- 4. Remove the structure from the property

### Public Hearing was opened.

Fred Wright requested the purchase of the property down to the river. Mr. Thurman stated the property does not go down to the river according to the recorded plat with VDOT right of way.

John Mayes, owner of property and stated he was the one who had been taking care of the property. He wanted to get the house but was not going to buy it.



Public Hearing was closed.

General discussion ensued.

### (RESOLUTION #08-08-2012)

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Administrator to acquire a reasonable agreement with Messrs. Mayes/Midkiff (adjoining property owners) for the conveyance of said county property, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board to authorize staff to execute the necessary documents pertaining to the conveyance of said county property, as advertised.

MOTION BY: Bobby Thompson SECONDED BY: Bob Camicia

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

NAYS: Ronnie Thompson & Wagner

MOTION PASSES WITH A 5-2 VOTE.

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## COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN OPTION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

In accordance with the provisions of Section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Franklin, Virginia will conduct a public hearing on a proposal to grant a two year extension of an option to Ferrum College to purchase 82 acres, more or less, from Franklin County for community development purposes. This property is currently known as the West Franklin Industrial Park, located adjacent to Ferrum College on Rt. 40 West of Rocky Mount.

Public Hearing was opened.

No one spoke for or against the proposed two year extension.

Public Hearing was closed.

### (RESOLUTION #09-08-2012)

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve a proposal to grant a two year extension of an option to Ferrum College to purchase 82 acres, more or less, from Franklin County for community development purposes.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner SECONDED BY: Leland Mitchell

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia & Cundiff

ABSTAINED: Bobby Thompson

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### (RESOLUTION #10-08-2012)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to authorize staff to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for the purpose of considering the sale and disposition of the building and an accompanying five acre parcel of land designated as Lot 2B as shown on that that plat of survey prepared by Todd S. Everett, Land Surveyor, dated August 9, 2012. Such property is located at 10895 Franklin Street, Ferrum, VA (formerly occupied by Serenity House Cabinets) and identified as Tax Map Parcel # 0800009402.

MOTION BÝ: Charles Wagner SECONDED BY: Bobby Thompson VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

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CHAIRMAN COUNTY CLERK